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In re Application of:

PONAKALA ET. AL.

CPA of Application No.: 09/465,402

Filed: December 17, 1999

For: N-[N-(3,3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)-l- $\alpha$ -ASPARTYL]-L-PHENYLALANINE 1-METHYL ESTER AS A SWEETENER IN CHEWING GUM

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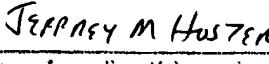
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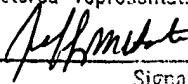
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